

SEPTEMBER to Remember!

McCormick's Creek State Park

Interpretive Center Hours: Everyday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

812-829-4344

Schedules on the web at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

****Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

Labor Day Weekend!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. HP/HP- Statehouse Quarry Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. 1.5 hours, medium grade. Go back in time and live a day in the life of the quarrymen workers.
- 3:30 p.m. Last Weekend at the Pool-** Join a naturalist at the concession area in the pool for talks about nature and a easy craft. Enjoy the last day's in the pool...
- 5:00 p.m. CCC History-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Hard-working CCC men in the 1930's built trails, shelters, and made a lifelong impact on McCormick's Creek State Park. Celebrate their work today.
- 7:00 p.m.- LIVE MUSIC- THE HORNBONES BRASS SEXTET-** Nature Center Outdoor Amphitheater. An evening of swing, polkas, ragtime and classical! Their song list includes "Georgia On My Mind" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"... don't miss their unique sound.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

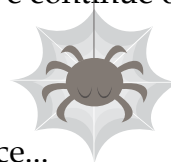
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Nondenominational. Nature Center Auditorium.
- 11:00 a.m. Wild Workers-** Nature Center. Animals have to constantly work to find food and build a shelter. Learn more about the wild workers in nature as we continue our Labor Day celebrations!
- 1:00 p.m. Creature Craft- Make a Spider Slider-** Nature Center.
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**
- 2:00 p.m. Clouds and Weather-** Nature Center. Imagination or science... clouds are forecasters of upcoming weather.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 11:00 a.m. HP/HP- Tree I.D. Hike-** Nature Center. McCormick's Creek has some tree-mendous trees! Learn how to identify common trees of the park.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 11:00 a.m. Toadily TOADS!-** Nature Center. Do toads really give you warts? How can you tell the difference between a frog and a toad?



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 11:00 a.m. Creature Senses-** Nature Center. Do birds and animals experience things as we do... join us to explore the five senses.
- 2:00 p.m. HP/HP- Search for Monarchs-** Meet at the Nature Center. 1.5 hours. *Visit a special place in McCormick's Creek State Park* where monarch caterpillars are busy munching on milkweed and the butterflies find nectar! Bring water.


FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

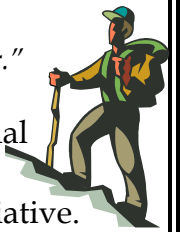
- 11:00 a.m. HP/HP- Hike with Mike-** Meet at the Nature Center. Enjoy a long walk and try to stump the naturalist! Bring water.
- 1:00 p.m. Hawk Talk-** Nature Center. Soaring high in the sky, these majestic birds of prey can be hard to identify. Learn more about their life at the top of the food chain and helpful hints to identify.
- 3:00 p.m. Birding 101-** Nature Center Bird Room- What birds are coming to our feeders? Look for common and migrating birds.

Saturday, September 8—INshape DNR Day

"Walk, hike, swim, ride, and relax your way to better health at your favorite state park or reservoir."

Visit the DNR webpage: www.in.gov/dnr/healthy for more information.

- 9:00 a.m. Registration** begins at the Nature Center Outdoor Program Area for the official INShape DNR hike.
- 10:00 a.m. HP/HP- INShape DNR Official Walk-** A Healthy Parks/Healthy People initiative.
-  **Option #1-** Hike an accessible trail about 1.5 miles in length leading through part of Wolf Cave Nature Preserve and campgrounds. 1 hour.
- Option #2-** Hike is approximately 3 miles on easy/moderate terrain meandering through many different habitats- open field, forested woodland, and riverside. 2 hours.
- 3:00 p.m. Tree I.D. and Leaf Rubbings!-** Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. Join Don to learn common Indiana trees and take something home with you to help you remember.
- 7:00 p.m. LIVE MUSIC- THE HEPTET-** Park Amphitheater. Celebrate the 48th anniversary of the landmark jazz album "Kind of Blue" with selections from the album and works by Miles Davis, John Coltrane and more!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service-** Non-denominational. Nature Center auditorium.
- 2:00 p.m. HP/HP- FIELD Hike-** Meet at the Nature Center. Explore the wonderful world in a field. 1.5 hours, bring water.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 2:00 p.m. Reptiles of McCormick's Creek-** Nature Center. See some of our education reptiles and learn about their lives as cold-blooded critters.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 11:00 a.m. Wetland Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Take a wetland adventure. 1.5 hr.
- 3:00 p.m. Fall Feeding Frenzy-** Nature Center. Animals are preparing for migration or hibernation. What are their favorite foods to eat?



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 10:00 a.m. Backyard Birds-** NC Bird Room. Will your favorite backyard bird come to visit?



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 11:00 a.m. Tree I.D. Hike-** Nature Center. McCormick's Creek has some tree-mendous trees! Learn how to identify common trees of the park.

2:00 p.m. Go BATTY!- Nature Center. *One Little Brown Bat can catch over 3000 mosquito-sized insects in one night!* Learn how they fly, hunt, and some common myths.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:00 p.m. Feeding Time- Nature Center. Help Amanda feed the Nature Center education ambassadors and learn about their food habits in the wild.

3:00 p.m. Reptiles of McCormick's Creek- Nature Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. Our Stately Treasures- Nature Center talk.

3:00 p.m. Leaf Printing Craft- Nature Center.

7:00 p.m. LIVE MUSIC! BBQ+ (Bloomington Brass Quintet)- Nature Center Amphitheater.
No there won't be bar-b-que but there will be two trumpets, a French horn, a trombone, and a tuba. What more could you want?!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- Non-denominational. Nature Center auditorium.

2:00 p.m. Creature Senses- Nature Center. Do birds and animals experience things as we do... join us to explore the five senses.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:00 a.m. HP/HP- Hike with Mike- Meet at the Nature Center. Enjoy a long walk and try to stump the naturalist! Bring water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. HP/HP- FIELD Habitat Hike- Meet at the Nature Center. Explore the wildflowers, insects, and animals that like to live or hunt in fields. 1.5 hr.

3:00 p.m. What's that Scat!- Nature Center. Poop, droppings, feces, doo- take your pick. Scat is a great tool to identify animals in the area!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:00 a.m. Nature Hike- Meet at the Nature Center for a short hike with a naturalist.

1:00 p.m. Woodpeckers- Nature Center. Knock, knock, we're here. Woodpeckers are important to our forests, making holes for other animals to nest in... learn how to identify them not only by their knocking!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

11:00 a.m. Wetland Hike- Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Take a wetland adventure. 1.5 hr.

2:00 p.m. Reptiles of McCormick's Creek- Nature Center Outdoor Program Area.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:00 a.m. Geology of McCormick's Creek- Nature Center Auditorium. Can you believe this area was a huge inland sea? Today, we see fossils of marine animals in the limestone. Learn what happened through the years to form the caves and creeks in this area.

Saturday, September 22- Endangered in Indiana Day

Learn more about the endangered or threatened animals and plants in Indiana. See a Barn Owl up-close and find out what you can do to help these populations.

****See separate flyer for programs and times!****

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

11:00 a.m. Historic Buildings Walk- Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Join an interpretive naturalist for a short hike to learn about the history of the Canyon Inn and nearby CCC buildings.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

2:00 p.m. HP/HP- Prescribed Fire Talk- Nature Center. Observe prescribed strategies of a "matchstick forest". *There are two sites on the property that are prescribed burned to create habitat for animals and plants.* burn

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 a.m. Creature Senses- Nature Center. Do birds and animals experience things as we... join us to explore the five senses.

2:00 p.m. Sensory Walk- Nature Center. Take a short hike to use all your 6 senses, yes 6!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:00 a.m. Turtle Talk- Nature Center. Turtles have been on earth since before the dinosaurs! Come and learn how their shells have helped them survive all this time.



1:00 p.m. Monarch Migration- Nature Center. It's getting cooler now and millions of Monarch butterflies are making the trip to warmer climates. Monarchs are the only insect that can fly 2,500 miles to a warmer climate. Come learn about their journey.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00 a.m. HP/HP- FIELD Habitat Hike- Meet at the Nature Center. Explore the wildflowers, insects, and animals that like to live or hunt in fields. 1.5 hr.

2:00 p.m. Nature's First Aid- Nature Center. Nature has her own version of a pharmacy.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 a.m. HP/HP- Hike with Mike- Meet at the Nature Center. Chat with a naturalist while you witness the changing scenery.

Saturday, September 29- National Public Lands Day

"Helping Hands for America's Lands"

National Public Lands Day is the largest volunteer event that benefits America's public lands.

9:30 a.m. Register at the Nature Center for a National Public Lands Day project with an environmental expert or park volunteer.

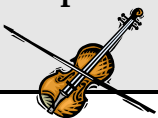
10:00 a.m. NPLD Projects- Depending on the groups and numbers we will be doing invasive species removal and trail maintenance. Please wear work clothes that can get dirty and with long sleeves, and bring water.

Girl Scout Groups- Earn the Get with the Land patch. Call the Nature Center ahead of time to register!

Questions? Call the Nature Center at 812-829-4344.

2:00 p.m. Tree Trivia- Meet at the Nature Center Outdoor Program Area.

7:00 p.m. LIVE MUSIC- The Gang: Bedford Blakely, Ron Scott, Randy Cowden, Dan Kigean and guests- At the Park Amphitheater. Enjoy a beautiful night with an outdoor concert by a Bloomington-based country/bluegrass/gospel group.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:00 a.m. Worship Service- Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

2:00 p.m. Tree I.D. Hike- Nature Center. McCormick's Creek has some tremendous trees! Learn how to identify common trees of the park.

